

# METHODS TO ENHANCE AND CONFINE EXPRESSION OF GENES

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## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

### Cross-Reference to Related Applications

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This is a divisional application of U.S.S.N. 09/376,774, filed on August 17, 1999, which claims benefit of priority of provisional U.S.S.N. 60/ 096, 947, filed August 18, 1998, now abandoned.

### 15 Field of the Invention

The present invention relates generally to the field of gene therapy for cancer. More specifically, the present invention presents a method of controlling the expression of therapeutically valuable gene products via inducible promoters. The present invention provides a  
20 method whereby induced gene expression in the intended cell targets